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Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's Final Office Action dated 07/25/95.

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended so as to obviate Examiner's "103" rejections over Stevens.

All the pending claims, as currently amended, are provided by the attached document entitled RE-AMENDED CLAIMS in Serial No. 08/227,999.

REMARKS

The claims, as currently amended, are now allowable over Stevens for the following reasons.

(a) Exemplary amended claim 22 now includes:

"a source functional to provide an AC voltage between a first and a second source terminal; the AC voltage beng of frequency distinctly higher than than that of the power line voltage ... there being substantially no galvanic connection between the first source terminal and earth ground; there being substantial galvanic connection between the second source terminal and earth ground".